Setting up of a High Court Bench at Madurai

97. SHRI M. KADHARSHA : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering a plan to establish a High Court Bench at Madurai in Tamil Nadu ;

(b) whether Government of Tamil Nadu have sent a proposal to the Centre in this regard ; and

(c) if so, when the proposal was sent and by when the Bench is likely to be established at Madurai?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) to. (c) A proposal for establishment of a Bench of the Madras High Court at Madurai was mooted by the Government of Tamil Nadu initially in 1973 and revived in 1977. This proposal was kept under consideration along with certain other proposals for consitution of benches of High Courts. The matter was referred to the Jaswant Singh Commission in December, 1983. The Report of the Commission is engaging the attention of the Government.

Meeting on the performance of the Public Sector Undertakings

98. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the performance of the public sector undertakings under the Department of Public Enterprises of the Ministry of Industry was reviewed in a series of meeting held on 16th and 17th October, 1985 ;

(b) if so, what were the subjects discussed and what decisions were arrived at during these two day meetings ;

(c) whether any guidelines have been issued to these public sector undertakings to improve their performances ; and

(d) what are the steps likely to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Amongst the subjects discussed were production, financial results, technology, upgradation, productivity, Research of Development, closer monitoring of performance at Corporate and Ministry level. The Public Sector Undertakings, have been advised to update their Corporate Plans, to strengthen their R& D activity, to constantly upgrade their technologies and to improve productivity. The monitoring at Corporate and Ministry is to be strengthened. It has been decided that the progress on these subjects will be reviewed periodically.

Profit and loss earned by Public Sector Undertakings

99. SHRI J.P. GOYAL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that most of public sector undertakings are running in losses ;

(b) if so, what are the details of the steps taken to make good their loss and to bring about improvement in their functioning ;